ACTION TO BE AIM OF LLOYD GEORGE

Opposition to Poincare Stand on Negotiations by Envoys Is Unexpected.

ABSENCE IS DANGEROUS

Believe French Premier's Attitude Based on Fear of Action of Parliamentarism.

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LONDON, England, January 21.-Prime Minister Lloyd George, though convinced that conferences among heads of governments have vindicated their value as has no other form of international intercourse, is not expected to offer any serious ob jections to Premier Poincare's reputed preference for a return to the old method of negotiating through ambassadors. However, the British prime minister will press for action. British expert and popular opinion

demands action. Lloyd George will take the position that if the ambassadors are to lead the way in negotiations they must bring matters to a head swiftly in order that the governments shall be able to do something tangible to re-lieve the business depression in Eu-rope and set the faces of the European nations steadily toward peace.
M. Poincare's objection to conferences of premiers is regarded in London as reflecting his fear of the opdon as reflecting his fear of the operation of French parliamentarism. This system makes the political life of an absent premier precarious. It resulted in the disappearance of M. Briand from office, though nobody here expects M. Poincare or any other French statesman to be able in the end to extract from the European situation anything more favorable to uation anything more favorable to

Lloyd George Militant. Moreover, despite the tendency of the ground beneath a French premier to shift while he is engaged in a conference, it is doubtful whether M. Poincare, in view of the greatness of the emergency, will long wish ambassadors to obstruct the direct handling of affairs by the heads of the governments. Lloyd George, while in a rather militant mood, has not lost his sense of humor, and will not lost his sense of humor, and will not say anything to make Anglo-French co-operation more difficult. His defense of conferences is likely to be epigrammatic and sprightly. He will point to Washington as an epochal vindication of the conference method. He will recall many instances when European premiers in conference solved difficulties that threatened to wreck the whole scheme of European collectivity. He will also draw at ention to the fact that until the British empire learned to have its premiers gather around a that until the British empire learned to have its premiers gather around a table in London it made no progress toward understanding the imperial constitutional problem or advancing toward genuine imperial unity.

NOT AFFECTED BY POOL. LYNCHBURG, Va., January 21 (Spe-lal).—The tobacco market here will e operated this year as in the past, poration, despite the fact that the majority of the planters have signed the pool for their crops for five years beginning with the 1922 crop.

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WOULD GATHER PARLEY CONSUL GENERAL **GENERAL ENABLING ACT**

A proposal emanating from Italian sources that all the treaties of the Washington conference be gathered in one volume and under one general enabling act is under consideration by the drafting committee of the conference, it was said last night.

The suggestion is that there should be one general preamble declaratory of the purpose animating the spirit of the conference. In the direction of the conservation of peace in the world, the cultivation of closer relations and the relief of the people from burdens of excessive armaments, the variour treaties prepared by the conference would appear as separate parts of this general convention, and any power, through its parliament or other authorised agency, would be at liberty to accept or reject any one of the separate parts.

It is pointed out that the Washington conference in adopting this course would be following the precedent established more than a quarter of a century ago and since then followed in the preparation

quarter of a century ago and since then followed in the preparation of The Hague conventions.

PARIS, January 21.—Sons and daughters of Ireland and their descendants from all corners of the globe began arriving in Paris this morning to take part in the world conference of the Irish race, set to begin here today.

The organizers of the conference, for which arrangements have been in progress several months, expect delegates from fifteen countries and from

The American delegates, some of was no legal criticism. It naturally whom already are in Europe, are expected to arrive today and tomorrow. The lord mayor of Dublin arrived this easily obtain arms elsewhere if American Dublin arrived this case. pected to put in his appearance next

pected to put in his appearance next week.

The congress was scheduled to open with an informal session this afternoon, but the first business meeting will be held Monday.

Politics and religion are barred from the program, say the organizers, the object being to promote the economic interests of the Irish Free State and interest in Irish art throughout the world.

The convention will mark the resumption of an event which, until the thirteenth century, was an important annual feature of Irish life. The last one was held in Ireland in the fourteenth century. It is purely educational in character, and in no way is connected with the Sinn Fein movement.

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MARTIAL LAW DECLARED. By the Associated Press

DUBLIN, January 21.—Martial law has been declared in the Kilmalloch JAPAN WELCOMES PARLEY area by the brigade commander of the Irish republican army at East Limerick, according to a telegram re-ceived here today from Charleville, County Cork. This action was taken. said the message, because of hay burning and other disorders in the

area.
The old Irish parliament building The old Irish parliament building on college ground now occupied by the Bank of Ireland is destined to become the official home of the legislature of the new Irish Free State, according to the political correspondent of the Freeman's Journal.

The administration of the Dublin city hall today was handed over by the British military authorities to the municipal authorities under the direction of the Irish provisional govern-

wednesday, Feordiary 1. 192, at a color of the p.m.. WM. N. PAYNE, Jr., Secretary.
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Skinner Says He Does Not Take Slavery "Scandal" Seriously.

LONDON, January 20.—Discussing that slavery still existed in that country, Robert P. Skinner, American consul general at London, who, as a plenithe correspondents' "scandal" seriously. He believed the difficulty in Abyssinia today was an outcome of internal religious differences and attempted foreign interference, which prohibited the natives from consolidating their national interests and maintaining the country's development along the lines laid out by Menelik.

Example of Self-Rule. Mr. Skinner declared it was difficult for foreign observers to maintain the proper regard for the history and traditions of a country where an early form of Christianity and an ancient patriarchal government maintained absolute authority, which no outside power had authority, which no outside power had been able to dislodge, though it often was attempted, with disastrous results.

The story of Abyssinia, according to the consul general, is that of the only African state, with the exception of Liberia, which is not dominated by a foreign country. Regarding the article of the Gazette in which it was asserted that Ameri-can concerns were supplying arms to Abyssinia, Mr. Skinner declared there

Slavery was a centuries-old Abys-sinian institution, which runs throughout the social scale, he con-tinued; in the last analysis all the

ACTS BENEFITING CHINA

Baron Shidehara Says It Is to His Nation's Interest to

HAILS FOUR-POWER PACT FORERUNNER OF LEAGUE

A. H. Ford of Honolulu Sees Pan-Pacific Combine as Probable Result of Treaty.

The four-power Pacific treaty was described as the probable progenitor of a Pan-Pacific league of nations by Alexander Hume Ford of Honolulu, director of the newly organized Pan-Pacific Union, in an address before the national council for Mmitation of armament. He quoted Senator Lodge as having said that "if there ever is to be an effective league of nations it will have its beginning in the Pacific." fic."
"A Pan-Pacific league of nations,"

"A Pan-Pacific league of nations," Mr. Ford asserted, "is now in the course of construction. These master builders, President Harding, Secretary Hughes and Senator Lodge, have driven the first piling home, and the nations of the Pacific have already begun to gather material for the laying of the foundadtion, and with the help of a hoping world the structure will grow to completion."

The Pan-Pacific Union, Mr. Ford said, is preparing for the first Pan-Pacific commercial conference, to be held next fall. held next fall.

Jessie Masters' Recital.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE—Mismi, Palm Beach—"Florida Special." Train de Luxe; no extra fare; 12:35 a.m. daily. 1418 H st. n.w. Tel. Main 7800.—Advertisement.

Miss Jessie Masters, contralto, appeared at the National Theater yes-

Plans drawn for a clubhouse to be erected by the Blaine Invincible Club were approved last night at a meeting of the club. Francis Wells, president of the club, drew up the plans. The club adopted a resolution expressing sorrow at the death of Senator Penrose.

MANY UNPAID BILLS CHARGED TO NATIONS BY CHINA RAILWAY

DEFENDS ABYSSINIA Contracted During Siberian Operations. Money Would Repay Road's Loans From Government.

The degree of international control the Westminster Gazette's articles on over the Chinese Eastern railroad-Abyssinia, in which two experienced the sole remaining open door into subcommittee of the conference today. That the interallied technical potentiary in 1903, negotiated America's board, composed of representatives of only treaty with Abyssinia through China, France, Great Britain, Japan, King Menelik, told the Associated Press Russia and the United States shall Russia and the United States shall continue, seems the general consesus of the subcommittee. Whether its control shall extend to such details as selecting the personnel of the road, supervising its protection from bandits and its finances is now being discussed.

The American policy is that the respectations of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the allied occupation. The amounts owing from the different nations from the time of their colors. Czechoslovakia, \$3,490,208; France, \$452,689; Poland, \$103,727; Rumania, \$452,689; Poland, \$103,727; Rumania, \$452,689; Poland, \$103,727; Latvia, \$13,492; Japan, \$512,554; China, \$120,729; Great Britain, \$36,075; Italy, \$10,114; United States \$9,000; total variables of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the allied occupation. The amounts owing from the different nations from the time of their time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the allied occupation. The amounts owing from the different nations from the time of their time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid blis dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating back to the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating the time of the railroad with unpaid bills dating the time of the railroad with unpai today that he was not disposed to take continue, seems the general consesus control shall extend to such details as selecting the personnel of the road, supervising its protection from bandits and its finances is now being discussed.

ecome the dominant commercial factor in that portion of the world. Subcommittee Named. Though the road is included under China in the agenda, its status as a Russian owned property on territory ceded by China to Russia was recognized in the naming of the subcommittee. DeWitt C. Poole, head of the Russian division of the State Department is the American partment, is the American represent-ative; Tsuneo Matsudaira, former head of the diplomatic mission to head of the diplomatic mission to Siberia, was named by Japan, and M. W. Lampson, councillor of legation, formerly stationed at Vladivostok, represents Great Britain. Rival Chinese soldiers from three ican shipments were not allowed to lifferent provinces are nominally guarding the railroad. Their inter-

the road to organize its own police force of Russians and Chinese. While this would be a considerable expense it would protect the property from the present losses at the hands of bandits and Chinese troops.

Since the Peking government aboi-

ished extraterritoriality so far as Russians are concerned the road has been forced to carry, free of charge, the soldiers of Chang Tse-lin and the other-leaders who have their troops along the right of way. When not joy riding in troop trains, the soldiers lodge them-selves in railroad buildings and live off the country. Records of the road show that the Chinese troops have exacted \$2,000,000 worth of transportation, none of which has been paid for. Other countries also are on the books of the rallroad with unpaid bills dating

discussed.

The American policy is that the representatives of the different governments in the committee should have actual as well as nominal authority over the road. This does not entirely accord with the views of certain interests which are apprehensive that the United States might become the dominant commercial factories.

\$10,14; United States, \$9,000; total, \$4.858,457.

The figures do not include the \$2,000,000 charged against China for troop movement since the allied occupation. Japan, the United States, Great Britain and Italy, and a small amount from China, are the only napation. Japan, the United States, Great Britain and Italy, and a small amount from China, are the only na-tions which have paid their accounts. Japan's bill was by far the largest, and, as it still is using the railroad, its account is a running one.

French Contract for Others. the allies agreed on the rates for the transport of troops and supplies in January, 1919, the French representa-tives in Vladivostok said their gov-ernment would be responsible for the bills of the Czechoslovaks, who were sadors acted on the request of their governments. The Japanese ambasference has seriously hampered its governments. The Japanese ambasoperation and their depredations and
treatment of the local white population have been brutally severe. The
plan before the subcommittee is for

NIGHT SCHOOL PUPILS WORKING TO CATCH UP IN ESSAY CONTEST

Starting Late in Competition for Prizes Offered by The Star, Students Are Making Up for Lost Time.

Somewhat behind the day school of the faculty. The rules for the conpupils in the study of the progress of the arms conference, students in the public night schools who were recently authorized to enter The

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Following illness of nearly six months from a complication of diseases, Joseph A. Flynn, station master of the Union station, died at his home yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Flynn's period of illness, which has prevented him from attending to his duties at the station, began with extreme pains at the base of the skull, his brother, Charles O. Flynn, said today. Following an illness, the pains disappeared and kidney trouble set in which later developed into heart trouble.

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Mr. Flynn was born in Washington May 25, 1873, and spent his entire life in this city. He was educated in the public schools and was at the close of his second year of high school at the old Franklin School when, at the age of fifteen, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania rallroad. He gradually received promotions in his line of duty and was appointed station master December 15, 1915.

The station master had been an active member of the Terminal Y. M. C. A. for many years.

His widow, Annie Blanche Flynn, and two daughters, Evelyn and Amelia Louise, and two brothers, Charles O. and Alfred H. Flynn, survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Centennial Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. E. Hez Swem, the pastor. officiating. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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FRED MORRIS DEARING.

Fred Morris Dearing, assistant sec- FOUR YEARS FOR BREAKS. reary of state, will be nominated by President Harding as American min- Two Youths Get Those Terms and Miss Jessie Masters, contraito, appeared at the National Theater yesterday afternoon before a mere handful of people, in a recital for the benefit of the "Disabled Veterans' Related Science," In program was an ambitious one, including "Ring Out, Wild Bells," by Gounod; "Autumnai Gale," by Grieg, and De Koven's "Receasional" among the most difficult in umbers, but the soloist's voice was incapable of interpreting their extended the sustained notes.

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DELAY SHOWDOWN, DISCUSSING SCOPE

Powers Offer No Obstacle to Move for Disclosure of Deals in China.

posed resolution calling for a show down by all the powers participating in the Washington conference of existing commitments relating to China yesterday afternoon by the far east committee. It was announced following the meeting that, while ques tions had been raised regarding the details of the resolution, no opposi-

details of the resolution, no opposition to the adoption of the resolution was manifested.

The Japanese delegation, discussing the proposal to include in the lists of commitments to be published the various cornercial agreements entered into between the Chinese authorities and private individuals, nationals of other countries, suggested that it would be very difficult to make a complete list of such agreements. ments.

Chinese Suggest Broad Scope. In the view of the Chinese the commitments to which foreign individuals and not foreign governments are parties include some of the most

vicuals and not foreign governments are parties include some of the most important of those now exercising an influence on China's development. Many of the railroad and loan agreements, they say, are of that character, making it requisite that the resolution be of the broadest possible scope if it is to accompilsh the "showdown" sought by the American delegation.

The far east committee, however, adopted a resolution expressing the hope that China would soon reduce the large armies now maintained in various parts of the country. This resolution came from the tariff subcommittee, headed by Senator Underwood, and was drafted because of the view expressed that China should not waste revenues upon maintaining large standing armies.

Before the adoption of the resolution, Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian representative in the British delegation gave a detailed description of tion, Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian representative in the British delegation, gave a detailed description of the manner in which armies are being kept in the field in China.

A large percentage of the troops now under arms in China are main-

now under arms in China are maintained by various provincial authorities, it was said by the Chinese delegation, but every possible step was promised toward execution of the purposes of the resolution. Although they did not vote on adoption of the measure, they expressed their satisfaction with its declarations. Text of Resolution.

resolution adopted by the com nittee follows:
"Whereas the powers attending this "Whereas the powers attending this conference have been deeply impressed with the severe drain on the public revenue of China through the maintenance in various parts of the country of military forces, excessive in number and controlled by the military chiefs of the provinces without co-ordination;

"And whereas the continued maintenance of these forces appears to be co-ordination;
"And whereas the continued maintenance of these forces appears to be
mainly responsible for China's present
unsettled political conditions;
"And whereas it is felt that large
and prompt reductions of these forces
will not only advance the cause of
China's political unity and economic
development, but will hasten her
financial rehabilitation;
"Therefore, without any intention to
interfere in the internal problems of
China, but animated by the sincere
desire to see China develop and maintain for herself an effective and
stable government alike in her own
interest and in the general interest In the rules for the contest it is pointed out that all contestants must

military forces and expenditures."

200,000 CHRISTIANS FLEE CILICIA, DUE TO FRANCO-TURK TREATY

JERUSALEM, December 26.—It is estimated here that 200,000 Christians have fied from their homes in Cilicia since it became known that France had made a known that France had made a treaty with the Turkish nationalist government at Angora returning that province to the Turks. Fearing to trust themselves to the mercy of the Turks these refugess decided to leave their mother country and seek asylum in foreign lands. They flocked to Mersina and other Cilician ports, seeking vessels to take them away. sina and other Cilician ports, seeking vessels to take them away.

The Greek government had provided a few ships and these carried thousands of refugees to Greek ports. Many others were transported to coast citles in Syria, Palestine and Egypt. It is understood here that in these latter countries they were refused.

WU PEI-FU HITS CHINESE CABINET

latter countries they were refused permission to land.

Seeks Secretly to Transfer Shantung and Other Ques-

tions to Peking.
y Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News,
Copyright, 1922.
PEKING, China, January 21.—Gen. Wu Pei-Fu, China's newest militarist, is attempting to attain national popularity by attacking the new cabinet on the ground that Premier Liang Shih-Yi is pro-Japanese and that he is attempting secretly to transfer the Shantung and other Chinese-Japanese questions to Peking, though without success to date. The premier told the writer today that China's delegates to the Washington conference still control the situation and have been given the widest latitude on questions perthe widest latitude on questions per-taining to China and Japan.

Gen. Wu Pei-Fu has been moving troops from the Yangtze valley to strategic points on the Peking-Han-kow and Peking-Mukden railways, and yesterday the British legation warned him that he would not be al-lowed to cut off communication be-tween the legation and the sea, as stipulated in the Boxer protocol.

Wu Pie-Fu's propagandist claim that he handed in an ultimatum to the premier that he must resign before January 18. This story, the premier says, is a fabrication and that no such ultimatum was received. The premier and two other cabinet members were personally responsible members were personally responsible for tiding the government over the New Year period, this involving loans of \$20,000,000. Should the premier be forced out of office he would take the financial support with him, which would be disastrous at the present time. The present cabinet is considered to be the best the republic has ever had. It is true that some of the members supported President Yuan Shih-Kai's scheme to restore the monarchy, but all have a record of archy, but all have a record of achievement while in office. Gen. Wi Pei-Fu, while attacking the cabinet as monarchist in tendency, himself supported Yuan Shih-Kai.

Denies Ultimatum.

Third Government Move. Fears are expressed that, failing to dislodge the cabinet, Gen. Wu Pei-Fu and his followers will attempt to form a third government in the Yangtze valley. Thus further complicating the situation. Meanwhile Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's attempt to attack the north ha met with failure. His troops refused to move and expressed a desire to re-turn home.

The Japanese minister has been in-

"And being inspired by the spirit of this conference, whose aim is to reduce through the limitation of armament the enormous disbursements which manifestly constitute the greater part of the encumberance upon enterprise and national prosperity; "It is resolved, That this conference express to the Chinese the earnest hope that immediate and effective steps may be taken by the Chinese government to reduce the aforesaid military forces and expenditures."

The Japanese minister has been instructed to reject any requests for loans by the Chinese government. Chinese bankers propose to raise \$30.000,000 for the purpose of buying the Shantung railway. They are getting subscriptions by anti-Japanese propaganda and by announcing that they ployes in China. Unofficially the correspondent is informed that Japan would construe this as a hostile act as it would discriminate against heras it would discriminate against her-self. Other nations, it is pointed out, \$50,000 FOR HOSPITAL.

BADEN-BADEN, Germany, January
20.—Herman Sielcken, American coffee dealer, has donated \$50,000 to
the Maternity Institute here. The
money was today converted into
11,000,000 marks.

SEE WIRTH CABINET **HEADED FOR ROCKS**

Berlin Observers Believe Trouble Will Come From Fight Over Taxation. BY GEORGE WITTE.

Wireless to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1922. BERLIN, Germany, January 21 .here is some talk that the cabinet of Wirth the Talker"-that sobriquet being given the chancellor on account of the many speeches he has made lately—is in danger of running on the rocks over the taxation question. A bitter fight is taking place at the present time between the conservatives and nationalists, representing the land owners and industrialists on the one hand, and the independent socialists and communists, representing the laboring people on the other, over the extent of the capital and emergency taxes the government must impose to meet the reparations demands.

Capital and Emergency Tax.

The first installment of the capital and emergency taxes was figured at 40 per cent of the property involved, but the workingmen claim that the rich are being left off too easily and want the taxes raised to 80 per cent. The majority socialists and centrists, who are trying to save the government, have suggested a compromise of 65 per cent. The negotiations are still in progress.

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Next Tuesday Chancellor Wirth is scheduled to go before the reichstag and submit his tax program. If no compromise is effected by that time and the Wirth program is rejected, the cabinet may be compelled to resign, although it is hoped that the tax debate may be put off until after the new reparations proposals of the supreme council have been sanctioned by the reichstag and forwarded to Paris.

RUSSIA BUYS STEAMERS.

Six steamers of 3,150 tons each have been purchased by soviet Russia in Great Britain within the last six months, according to a report to the Department of Commerce today from Consul General Skinner, at London.
Two smaller steamers have also been purchased. One of the large vessels has been named the Trotsky. Up to November several of the vessels were till sailing under the British flag, al-hough owned by the soviet.

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